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Mr. Bruce M. Grey
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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for US 50 Crossing Study from MD 611 to MD 378; and 5th Street to Somerset Street Worcester County, Maryland CEQ # 20120174

Dear Mr. Grey:

In accordance with Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2) (C), Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7609, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above referenced project. The FEIS was prepared by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Federal Highway Administration in cooperation with the US Army Corp of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the US Coast Guard, US Fish and Wildlife, the Maryland Department of the Environment and EPA.

The US 50 Crossing Study proposes to develop a transportation solution that addresses the transportation operational inadequacies and structural deficiencies as well as to improve safety for all users on the US 50 crossing of the Sinepuxent Bay in Worcester County, Maryland.

On June 30, 2008, EPA provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the above referenced project. EPA also rated the project as an EC-1 (Environmental Concerns-Adequate Information). The FEIS has provided adequate responses to these comments. EPA anticipates that the SHA will continue to work with the resource and permitting agencies to find additional ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to environmental resources as the project progresses.

EPA appreciates the SHA's efforts in early interagency coordination throughout the development of the project. If you have any questions regarding our concerns, please feel free to contact me or Kevin Magerr at (215) 814 5724

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Rudnick", is written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Rudnick, PG
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